

# Northwest plans Homecoming events

BY BRET BAILEY  
Staff Writer

Floats, clowns, jalopies and marching bands will enlighten the crowds and fill the streets of Maryville Saturday as the annual Homecoming parade kicks off.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will originate at the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The parade route will follow College Avenue and Fourth Street before concluding at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Leading the parade will be the Bearcat Marching Band under the direction of Al Sengel, assistant professor of music and director of bands. The parade will end with the performance of the Maryville High School marching band, directed by Lee Schneider.

Fraternities, sororities and student organizations will have floats in the parade. All floats and jalopies will follow the theme of "Fantasy Land."

According to David Gieseke, Director of Public Relations, the fraternities, sororities and

student organizations will compete for prize money and supremacy points. There will be three groups competing: fraternity, sorority and an independent division. Each division will compete among themselves. First place will be awarded \$750.

The supremacy points are tallied up along with points received in other events that the fraternity, sorority or organization earned.

For the fraternity division Tau Kappa Epsilon entered

"Three Little Pigs," Delta Sigma Phi entered "Knights of the Round Table," Delta Chi entered "Carnival," and Sigma Phi Epsilon entered "Mother Goose."

In the sorority division Alpha Sigma Alpha entered "Snow White," Sigma Sigma Sigma entered "Alice in Wonderland," Phi Mu entered "Wizard of Oz," and Delta Zeta entered "Old Woman in the Shoe."

In the independent division the Agriculture Club has entered "Puff the Magic Dragon,"

ROTC entered "Peter Pan," and the Sigma Society entered "Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang."

Jalopies will also be in the parade. The Young Democrats and the Young Republicans will have several jalopies with many state and local candidates. The Agriculture Club will have "Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang," Sigma Phi Epsilon will enter "Popeye," Phi Sigma Kappa will enter "Back to the Future," Sigma Tau Gamma will enter "Tau Car," SMS-AHEA will enter "Cinderella," and Chi Phi Chi will enter "Fantasia."

## Walkout Day cancels class

BY KELLIE WATT  
Managing Editor

Student Body President Jamie Roop and President Dean Hubbard will continue a 73-year-old tradition tomorrow, when they ring the Victory Bell of '48 signaling Walkout Day, the beginning of Homecoming festivities.

On Walkout Day all classes are canceled, which permits students to use time to complete their floats, clowns, house decorations, and other activities for Friday's judging of the house decorations and Saturday's Homecoming Parade.

Walkout Day originated on October 22, 1915. It was considered an unofficial vacation from classes. The student body president, without warning, announced a day of picnicking and recreational games. However, it has become more complex and organized with time.

By October 1, 1958, Walkout Day evolved into a final day of initiation for freshmen. A kangaroo court was held every Monday and Friday on the steps of the Administration building until Walkout Day. At the kangaroo court, the M-Club hazed freshmen, especially those who did not wear their green beanies. On Walkout Day, freshmen were no longer required to wear their beanies.

After the final kangaroo court, the students went back to campus for picnicking and later went into town for a movie and a variety show. Due to many complaints of disorderly students, Walkout Day was discontinued in 1969.

In the fall of 1977, President B.D. Owens, then in his first year as the eighth president of Northwest, decided to revive the tradition and put it back into the academic calendar. He officially marked the day before Homecoming to be Walkout Day. It was then signaled by the ringing of the bell on October 21, 1977.

University offices are open as usual on Friday at 8 a.m.



Students rejoice in the much needed rain by playing volleyball in the North and South Complex courtyard.  
Photo by Bill Brooks

## Variety Show premieres tonight at Mary Linn

BY BRET BAILEY  
Staff Writer

The cast has been selected and the annual Homecoming Variety Show is set to start tonight at 7 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Friday's show is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

This year the show will consist of eight skits by student organizations and six olio acts by individual and group performers. Each of the skits will be related to the theme of this year's Homecoming which is "Fantasy Land."

"The Variety Show is a chance for campus organizations to lampoon cam-

pus life," David Gieseke, Director of Public Relations, said. All the skits will relate to Northwest.

The following fraternities, sororities and student organizations are scheduled to perform in the show. After each skit there will be an olio act, Gieseke said.

Delta Chi will open the show with "The Bearcat Brothers and the Bud Elliott Circus." Other organizations and skits to be included are Delta Sigma Phi with "Cat-a-lot" and Sigma Phi Epsilon with "Bobby in Northwestland."

All four Northwest sororities will participate in the Variety Show. "Bobbyrella"

will be presented by Alpha Sigma Alpha. Delta Zeta will do a skit called "The Wizard of Northwest." Phi Mu will perform "It's a Wonderful Life," and Sigma Sigma Sigma will present "Bobby Pan."

The final skit of the Variety Show will be performed by Phi Mu Alpha which will present "Superbob."

Six olio acts will take the stage. "Twelve New Guppies" will start with "Couldn't Care More." Anthony Ray Brown will perform his own composition, "Mama's Song," in the first act.

## NEWSLINE

Missouri Senators Jack Danforth and Jay Nixon will be debating twice before the November election in the U.S. Senate race.

The first debate, sponsored by KETC-TV, will be held at the station's studios in St. Louis at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18. The one-hour debate will be broadcast live throughout Missouri on public television stations.

The second debate, sponsored by the *Kansas City Times*, will be held at the newspaper's offices in Kansas City on the morning of Oct. 19 or 20.

Jim Stewart, manager of Easter Food's Family Center in Maryville, recently announced the formation of an Easter Food's Scholarship at Northwest with a gift of \$15,000 to the Northwest Foundation, Inc.

The donation from Easter Foods is part of Northwest's "Building Foundations" campaign created two years ago. That campaign, originally expected to be a four-year program to raise \$1.8 in endowments from private sources for the strengthening of the University, has enjoyed heartwarming success, President Hubbard said.

Dr. Richard Frucht, associate professor of history at Northwest, was one of 28 college and university professors who attended the West Point Workshop on Military History at the U.S. Military Academy.

### Statement of Non-Discrimination

Student Senate has presented a statement concerning various incidents that have occurred since the beginning of the semester between University students. It reads:

Student Senate does not support any racially motivated actions taken by any groups or individuals on this campus.

Student Senate will consider any positive actions designed to deal with this problem.

Submitted by,  
Jamie Roop  
President, Student Senate

## Weekend event

# Family Day draws crowd



A guest unicyclist performed for students and their families as part of the Family Day celebration. Photo by James Tierney

Bobby Bearcat entertains family members during Family Day last Saturday. Photo by James Tierney

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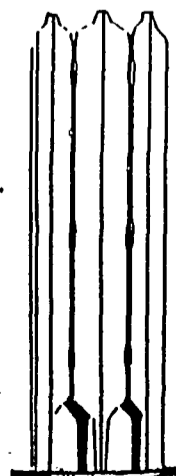
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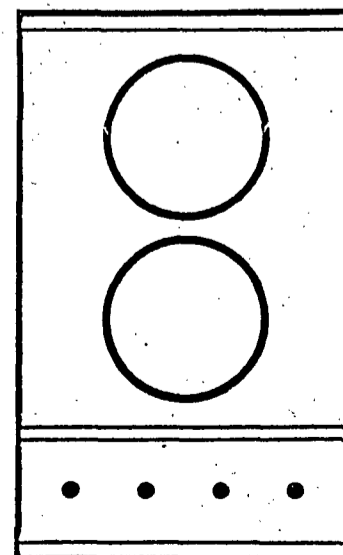
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## VARIETY

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The Chordbusters barbershop quartet will perform "Old McDonald." The Nobodies will sing "Grown Man Cry." Lisa Smeltzer and Jon Ellis will perform a comedy routine, "Mrs. Malloncup and Rover." The final olio act of the evening will be "Just Once," a duet by Tory Tucker and Ron Alpough.

Prize money is up for grabs in the Variety Show. The first place winner receives \$330. All the performers are divided into divisions. There is the fraternity division, sorority and independent which is represented by Phi Mu Alpha. The divisions compete

among themselves. The group that places first in the division will receive \$330. All others will receive lesser amounts.

The judges will rate how well the skit, props and costumes were put together relevant to the theme.

According to Gieseke, in the past the Variety Show has drawn big crowds and this year is no exception. Variety Show tickets are being sold at the Public Relations Office on the first floor of the Administration Building. The Mary Linn Box Office will sell any available tickets tonight and Friday, 30 minutes before the performance begins. For more information about tickets contact the Public Relations Office.

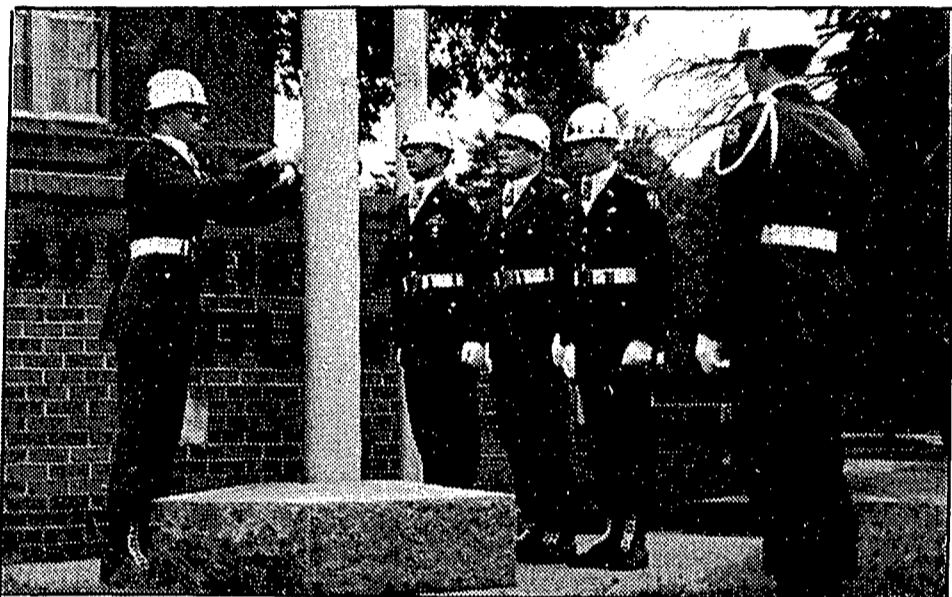
### Statement of Non-Discrimination

"Northwest Missouri State University adheres to a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. This policy is effective in all University-controlled programs and activities including employment, admissions, retention, housing, financial assistance, and academic programs." This statement of principle appears on page 2 of the 1988-89 Undergraduate Academic Catalog.

Furthermore, this University *will not tolerate* racism in any form. Racism and other forms of discrimination are contrary to the most important values of our society. Furthermore, racism is contrary to the principles upon which this University was founded and which continue to guide us in our continuing search for truth and freedom.

Based upon these foundations, Northwest Missouri State University pledges that future violations of discrimination, including racism, in any form will be dealt with swiftly and as severely as the laws permit.

Dean L. Hubbard  
President  
September 22, 1988



Members of ROTC color guard stand at attention while the flags are raised in recognition of POW/MIA Day. Photo by Shawn Wake.

## Bird expert to present lecture

The Northwest Department of Biology will be sponsoring a lecture to be presented on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. in Room 218 of the Garrett-Strong Science Building.

Mark Robbins, a native of Maryville and a former Northwest student, is now the collection manager of the ornithology collection at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Robbins will present a color slide illustrated discussion called "Expeditions to Peru and Ecuador: A Bird Watcher's Paradise."

Dr. David Easterla, professor of biology at Northwest, said Robbins is one of

the country's outstanding ornithologists and has done extensive research in Africa, Canada, Colombia, Madagascar, Mexico and Panama. He has been on

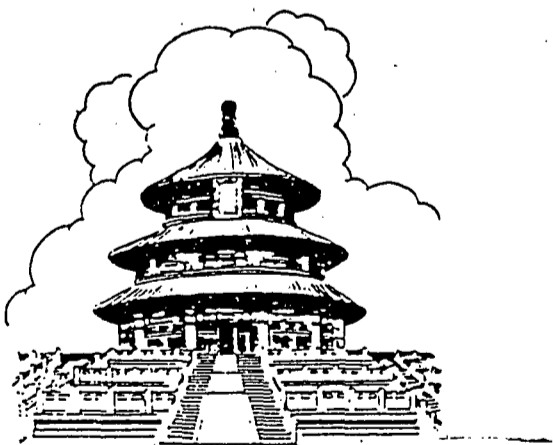
numerous bird expeditions to Peru and Ecuador and has led nature tours to Puerto Rico and the Lesser Antilles.

Robbins is the author and co-author of more than 20 publications. He holds a bachelor of science degree in biological services from the University of Arizona and a master of science in zoology from Louisiana State University.

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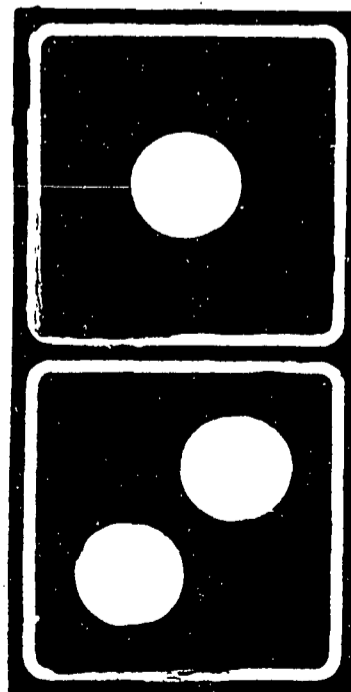
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## Roaches, beetles infest dorms

BY WILLIAM BECK  
Staff Writer

Insects have been moving into the Northwest residence halls, reportedly because students have been leaving food in the dorms.

"The hope is that students won't store any food or water sources for the bugs to live on," Jeff Barlow of Custodial Services said.

So far, most students have not reported insect problems. Of the reports, only one has turned out to be cockroaches. The other reports involved hardshelled beetles, insects which greatly resemble cockroaches. Termite reports are checked before allowing pest control companies to bid on the project.

The pests reproduce after eating food they find in the dorms. Several attempts are being made to control the population of unwanted insects. There are monthly sprayings by Hart Pest Control in the front desk and lobby areas, as well as trash closets and bathrooms. The classrooms and Union are also sprayed monthly. Hart is on call to spray individual rooms and lounges, if needed. In addition,

every room is sprayed during the Winter Semester Break.

"It's just frustrating working in this environment. There's been several times I opened a file cabinet and roaches have been there," Debby Kerr, editor in chief of the Tower Yearbook, said.

Kerr added that the offices had been sprayed but the problem still remains. "It's better, but I don't consider the problem solved until I quit seeing roaches."

The outside of the residence halls are done three times a year in an attempt to control the external insect problems that occasionally arise. Hart Pest Control uses a pesticide which requires a second spraying to eliminate any eggs that hatched since the initial spraying. The current pesticides are basically harmless, unlike the 'barrier' type which was federally outlawed because it was deemed harmful to humans, but only required one spraying.

"We have received a couple of claims of roaches in Franken," Barlow said. "We have asked Hart Pest Control to do an evaluation of Franken to see if the whole hall needs done."

## Homecoming house decorations to be displayed this weekend

BY BRET BAILEY  
Staff Writer

One of the favorite activities among Northwest alumni and Maryville is to view house decorations.

This year "Fantasy Land" will be the theme for Homecoming. A total of ten campus organizations, which include fraternities, residence halls and student organizations will create house decorations related to the theme, said David Gieseke, Director of Public Relations.

Those participating are divided into the fraternity division and the independent division. The independent division consists of student organizations and residence halls. The team that earns first place will receive \$430.

In this event five judges are assigned to see all the house decorations and decide who has the best display in each division. According to Gieseke, the judges look at how well the decoration fits the theme, workmanship, creativity and lighting.

The following organizations are scheduled to participate in the house decorations event.

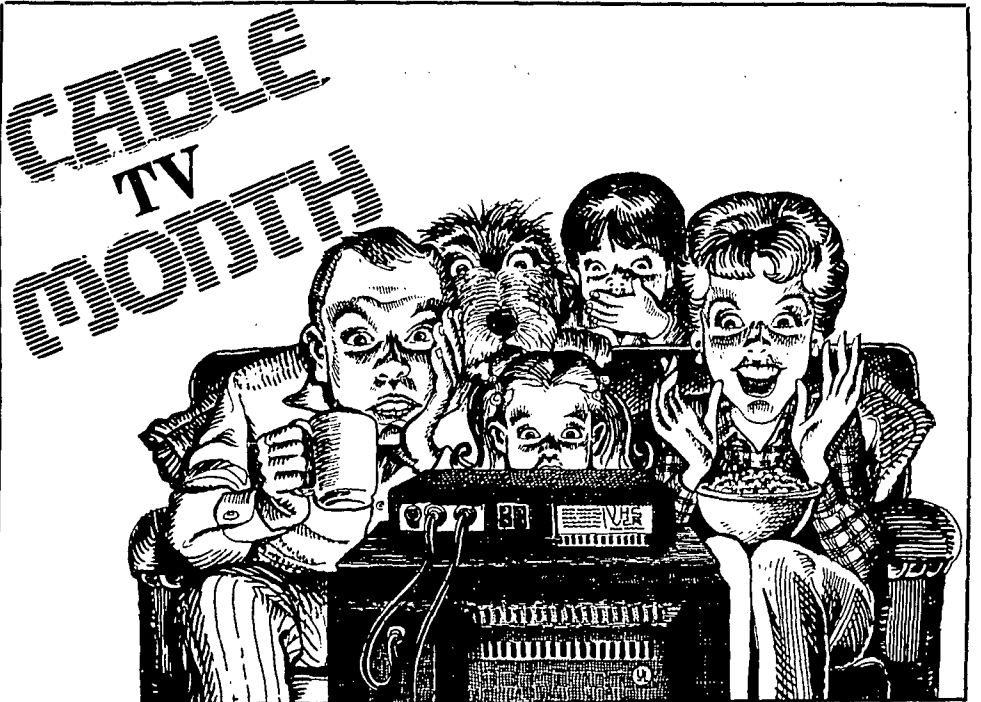
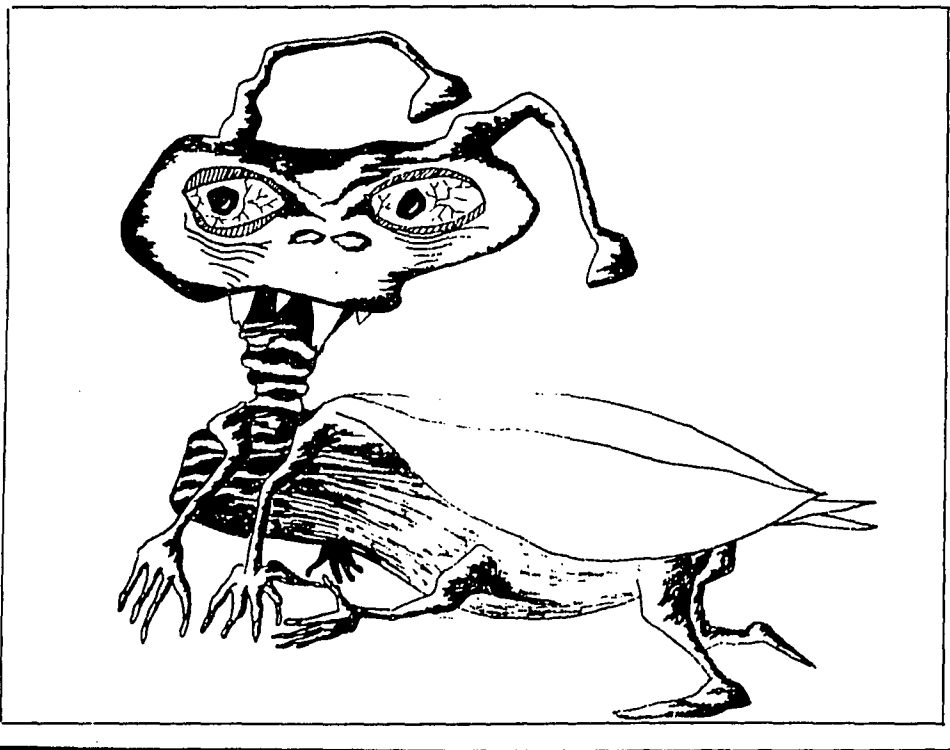
In the fraternity division, Sigma Tau Gamma will display "Farside"; Delta Sigma, "Knights of the Round Table"; Delta Chi, "King Arthur's Castle and Camelot"; Sigma Phi Epsilon, "Alice in Wonderland"; and Alpha Kappa Lambda, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

In the independent division Phi Beta Alpha will have "Disneyland"; Franken Hall, "Skunk 'em"; Alpha Tau Alpha, "Looney Tunes Go Western"; Hudson Hall and South Complex, "Wizard of Oz."

Each fraternity will display their house decorations at their fraternity house. The entries of Franken Hall, Hudson Hall and South Complex will place their entries on display at each residence halls location. Alpha Tau Alpha's entry will be placed at the Alfred McKerny Mechanics Building. Phi Beta Alpha's house decoration will be at the Wesley Center.

Gieseke felt that one of the things to do during Homecoming was to check out the house decorations after seeing the parade and football game.

"It brings Homecoming off of the campus," he said.



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## Health Service provides ideas for helping problem drinkers

BY NICK WILLIAMS  
News Editor

A recent national survey indicated more than one out of every three Americans have had a drinking problem for 10 years or more.

Two out of three murders, one of every three suicides and one out of every three rapes is related to alcohol abuse. Fifty percent of all traffic fatalities are also caused by alcohol. Alcoholics are seven times more likely to be in a serious accident than non-alcoholics. Throughout the past few years, alcoholism has become a widely discussed problem in America.

A large minority of drinkers develop problems with alcohol. Mary Strong, nurse coordinator of the Student Health Service, said some students have expressed concern about alcohol abuse.

"Lots of students use alcohol for social reasons, but there comes a time when they ask if it's creating more problems," Strong said.

Drinkers abuse alcohol when they do things they would not have done if they had not been drinking, or when they drink to the point of drunkenness. An individual may have a problem with alcohol if they display certain symptoms.

Alcohol abusers often have problems with parents, family members, employers, school officials or police related to drinking. They also cannot stop drinking once they have started. Drinkers may drink before going to school or work, and may try to keep people from knowing how much they drink.

In addition, problem drinkers may drink alone, drink when they are angry at someone, or attempt to drink more than the other members of his group.

If you know someone who abuses alcohol, there are several ways you can help.

You can help by learning all you can about alcoholism. The Health Service provides several pamphlets on alcohol abuse. If you know the drinker well

enough, you may be able to encourage him to seek help for himself. You should also be prepared to help that person in case of an emergency.

When an individual consumes too much alcohol an emergency may arise. As his blood alcohol concentration increases, the individual may behave unpredictably or lose consciousness.

A medical emergency for an alcohol abuser exists when the drinker cannot be revived by shouting or shaking, when his breathing is irregular or shallow, when the person consumed the alcohol with a sedative or when the individual drank a large quantity during a short period of time and collapsed.

When a medical emergency exists, call for help. While you are waiting for assistance to arrive, you should keep the individual warm with blankets or clothes. Do not put the person to bed or give him any medication. If you can, try to find out what substances the person may have taken.

If you are assisting a drunk, you should keep the person still and comfortable. Remain with a drunk who is vomiting. When laying him down, turn his head to the side to prevent his tongue from falling back into his throat.

Monitor the drunk's breathing. If you detect respiratory problems, call for medical assistance immediately. Keep a distance between you and the drunk. Drunks are unpredictable and sometimes violent. Be firm and reassuring to him.

Do not try to keep the drunk awake; he may injure himself by falling or fainting. Do not give him anything orally to sober him up; only time can sober a drunk. And do not give the drunk a cold shower, because the shock may injure him.

Several national groups are available to help individuals who have a drinking problem. Among these groups are Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Alateen.

### FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER 1988

Classwork ends Tuesday, December 13. A study day is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14.

Classes meeting for the first time in the week:

Date and hour of final examination:

2:00 Monday..... Thursday, December 15, 7:30 a.m.  
8:00 Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 Monday..... 1:00 p.m.  
9:00 Tuesday..... 3:30 p.m.  
Computer Science 130..... 7:00 p.m.

Chemistry 113, 115, 117..... Friday, December 16, 7:30 a.m.  
9:00 Monday..... 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 Tuesday..... 1:00 p.m.  
3:00 Monday..... 3:30 p.m.  
History 155..... 7:00 p.m.

1:00 Tuesday..... Saturday, December 17, 7:30 a.m.  
Government 102..... 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 Monday..... 1:00 p.m.  
10:00 Monday..... 3:30 p.m.  
3:00 Tuesday..... 7:00 p.m.

Biology 102..... Monday, December 19, 7:30 a.m.  
8:00 Monday..... 10:00 a.m.  
1:00 Monday..... 1:00 p.m.  
12:00 Tuesday..... 3:30 p.m.  
Speech 102..... 7:00 p.m.

10:00 Tuesday..... Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 a.m.  
4:00 Monday..... 10:00 a.m.  
2:00 Tuesday..... 1:00 p.m.  
4:00 Tuesday..... 3:30 p.m.

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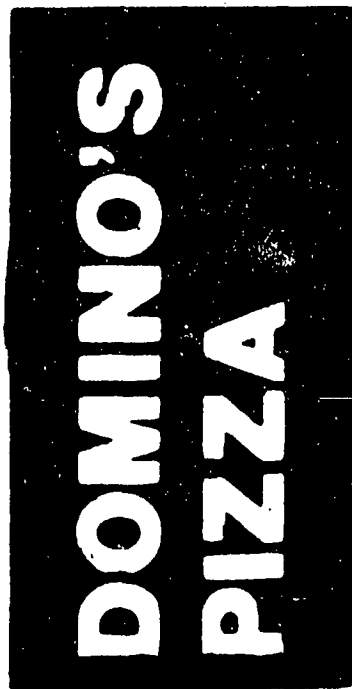
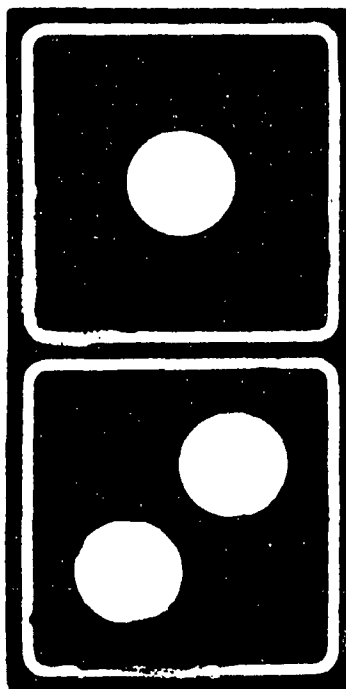
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## Letter to the Editor

### Racism article hits home

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the September 15 opinion article, "There's no room for racism here."

Regrettably there has been an incident or two involving race relations in the past few weeks. We do not begin to justify the actions of those involved. However, let's not be naive and consider these isolated incidents. Yes, these incidents were made very visible, but "who knows what evils lurk in the minds of men?" Racist thoughts are just as scandalous as the visible results. Quite possibly even worse. Whether racism is covert or overt, it does exist here in Maryville and yes, here on campus.

It is good to see an issue that is near and dear to me being addressed. The issue of racism is one that has, in essence, been put on a back burner. Here at Northwest the percentage of blacks in relation to the race in majority is atrocious. 'That's life,' you might say and yes, that is life, but when the University sends recruiters to high schools, they can only relate to and capture the interest of a select group of students. This point raises another question: why is there such a small number of blacks on staff here? There are no black professors and no blacks in administrative positions. In fact, there are very few blacks in janitorial positions.

As usual, the only blacks we see are involved in the Athletic Department. Is this because there are no qualified black people to be found? Maybe our only asset is our athletic prowess. I THINK NOT! The problem in this area is the same as in many others; very little effort, if any at all, is put forth to resolve such conflicts. The administration has and continues to ignore a very vital group here at Northwest. Those of us who do voice strong opposition to these wrongs are appeased temporarily and sent on our way. Better still, some of us are recruited to work with the administration to find solutions to these problems. Mind you, we are students and we do have other responsibilities we have to take care of to maintain that status. These ad-hoc positions can only be filled in our spare time and do not include financial or academic compensation. How can an effective job be done by someone who can't devote himself to the task? We are again back to square one. Unfortunately, this cycle will continue until someone in the administration realizes these things and has the strength of character and concern for all students that compels him to act. Is that administrator here?

It's nice to say "we can all get along." In fact, our consciences are eased when we see life in that light. However, there are too many scars that need to be doctored before we can move on, it's time to take the band-aids off and see the issues as they really are. Until this point is reached, we can't rise to our full potential as a university.

Sincerely,  
Angela C. Smith

## Your Hero enjoys day with parents

It happens every year. Just when Your Man thought it was safe to kick back and have a relaxing weekend, he was foiled once again when the calendar announced that Family Day was upon us.

Like many of his cohorts, Your Hero spent his only Friday evening of the semester in the dorms last week trying to make his humble abode presentable.

### Stroller

for the folks. Well, actually, he attended a few local happy hours to get psyched for the task, then really got to it.

Anything vaguely resembling food was packed into the match-box dorm fridge, and anything smelling like laundry went into the back corner of the closet. Your Hero finally gave in and opened his grocery bag of textbooks, placing them prominently on the desk where the parents were sure to notice.

All the posters in Your Man's room came down and were replaced by the Barry Manilow album flats his grandparents had thought were nifty stocking stuffers. Pee-Wee Herman and Church Lady posters went up in place of "borrowed" road

signs and centerfolds.

After hours of toil, it seemed that Your Man was finally ready for Family Day, and he was more than ready for a good night's sleep.

Your Man was still in la-la land when the dreaded knock came at his door. He sat straight up in bed and fumbled for his alarm clock. It read 6:37.

No, he thought, it couldn't be. But it was. There they were, smiling and unnaturally perky for that ungodly hour on a Saturday morning: Stroll Sr., Strollerina and his sister, Strollette.

Yes, Your Man's family was among the first of the throng to descend upon our beloved campus.

"We thought we'd come by early and see if you wanted to go to breakfast," they explained. Little did the folks know; any other Saturday Your Hero probably wouldn't have even been home at the hour, let alone considering nourishment.

Anyway, the polyester pleasure pirates drew Your Man out to face the day, and quite a day it was. Spending a day with the parents always reminds Your Hero why he returns to school ev-

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## Homecoming enthusiasm dwindles

Once again Homecoming is upon Northwest. The floats are being finished, the parade is being assembled and the Variety Show is almost set. But something is missing this year, and the absent element is detrimental to the overall success of Homecoming.

Enthusiasm dwindled as the semester got off to an early start, and it seems that lack of spirit has carried over to the Homecoming events. More and more students are making plans at home for the weekend, and the time of year that most students look forward to most is losing its shine.

Homecoming is a time when students take pride in their school. This pride shows through when the first float rolls down the street, when the first olio act walks on stage and when the first kickoff at the football game touches down.

However, this year things are different. More students are going home for Homecoming weekend, taking advantage of the three-day weekend and leaving Northwest.

What a sight for Northwest alumni to see when they return to an empty campus!

Homecoming comes but once a year and it is the only time when such a large number of alumni return. By going home and not partaking in the Homecoming festivities, we are, in essence, telling them we have no interest in our school whatsoever.

As a whole, we need to let the former and present students of Northwest know that we do care and we do have pride in our campus. Show your pride by taking part in Homecoming '88.

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## Dancers perform dazzling music and footwork

The Ethnic Dance Theatre came to Maryville last Friday for an entertaining evening of song and dance. A variety of cultures were represented at the two-hour show.

It was filled with acrobatics, music and colorful costumes. While the dancers performed a string and woodwind ensemble accompanied them with the music from their individual cultures. The instruments were gathered from around the world and the singers in company with the musicians performed melodies in Croatian, Romanian and Bulgarian.

The Yugoslavian-Croatia suite of Ladarke, based on the St. John's day ritual known as Ladarice, was the first song of the evening. The dancer's rendition of the folk dance showed the festival of giving flowers to the townspeople to appease the god Lado for a better harvest.

The highlight of the show came during the Dances of Austria where a love triangle develops into a brawl between lederhosen-clad men. The dance begins with one of the men dancing with two women. He is clearly enjoying himself, but the other men become jealous and try to join in their dance. They are rebuffed and the brawl begins.

Other performances included dances from the Ukraine, Hungary, Romania, Egypt, France, Poland, Greece and Bulgaria.

The dance theater was started by Jonathan Frey and Donald LaCourse in 1974. They have been touring around the country for 14 years with the troupe, each year acquiring new suites from different parts of the world. The company will be performing ensembles for Young Audiences and has taken part in the Arts Midwest Touring Program.



The Ethnic Dancers are represented by Jonathan Frey and Candace Magnuson. Photo by Marc Norberg

## Previews

Movies have been produced and are already being promoted for the fall season. A list of films ranging from horror to drama and comedy to suspense are ready for the silver screen. A few of the movies debuting in September are:

**Far North:** The members of a family reunite and reflect on their lives after their father's accident. *Far North* is an Alive picture directed by Sam Shepard and starring Jessica Lange and Tess Harper.

**Punchline:** A comic, who will do anything for a laugh, meets a housewife aspiring to become a stand-up comic. The Columbia picture stars Tom Hanks and Sally Field and is directed by David Seltzer.

**1969:** A story of a turbulent time in history and how two college-bound boys' views on the Vietnam War will ultimately change their lives. The Atlantic picture is directed by Ernest Thompson and stars Kiefer Sutherland and Robert Downey, Jr.

**Eight Men Out:** A true story about the 1919 Chicago White Sox baseball team who threw the World Series. The movie is based on the book by Elliot Asinof and stars John Cusack, Charlie Sheen, and D.B. Sweeney. *Eight Men Out* is an Orion picture directed by John Sayles.

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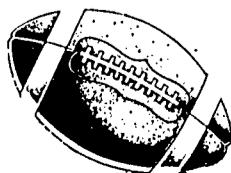
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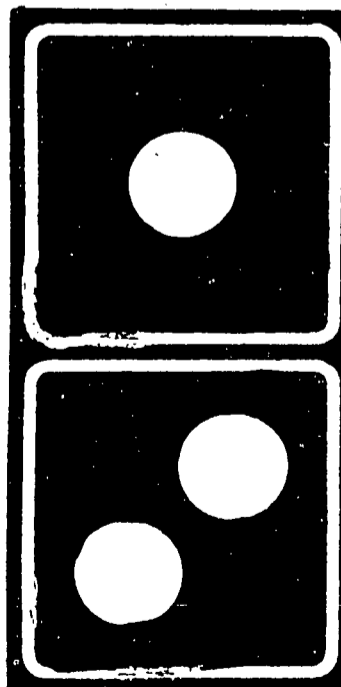
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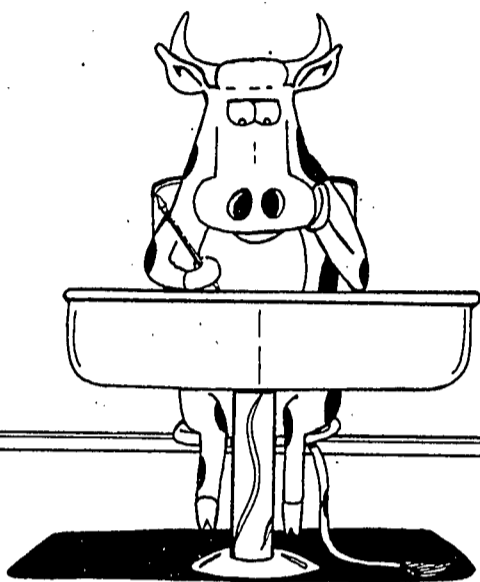


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By Leigh Rubin

*I will not chew cud in class.  
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## Putting off the study bug

SHELLEY SEDDON  
Staff Writer

Is there such a thing as pre-semester burn-out? I think that was my excuse at the beginning of the semester. That, along with, "It's still summer—I can't study. It just doesn't seem like we should be in school."

Now, like the drought, I've moved into Phase II—this is the stage where I say, "I've got to start studying." This is followed by "I'm not going to party as much (drink as much...etc.) and really crack down."

After receiving those first c's and d's I absolutely had to study. Drastic measures were called for. I had to go to THE LIBRARY. I vaguely remembered that ominous building that lurks somewhere near the center of campus. I even think I was in the library once on a Freshman Seminar tour. Nah, I couldn't concentrate there. Besides I'd save a lot more time just studying at home. If I go to the library I'd have to pick out an outfit, curl my hair and redo my make-up.

After I got there I'd waste even more time visiting with friends. How can I really get into how infrared light travels when I have to look up from my book every time a guy walks by to see if he's cute?

I couldn't possibly go to the library tonight anyway—Alf's on. OK. After Alf's over I swear I'll study. I get out my book and highlighter. While intensely scrutinizing my book I glance over at my nails. The polish is really chipped. How can I go out in public like this? I have to paint them now otherwise I won't be able to study. It takes at least a half-hour for them to dry. Back to the books.

I hear a faint rumble in my stomach. I have to have food. I can't contemplate astronomy principles without a snack. OK. I'll fix a quick snack. The contents of the refrigerator reveal a bottle of flat "Diet-Rite" and some fuzzy balls that could have been grapes in a former life. That means I have to go out for a snack. By the time I get back it's 10:00.

I'm too tired to study. I'll study tomorrow. No, this week's really going to be busy, I probably won't have a lot of time to study. After Homecoming I'll start studying, I'll definitely crack-down, I swear.

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# Tower Yearbook

## Living with difficult roommates

As we all progressed from our childhood into the world of the adult, certain unexpected situations were thrown upon us. Whether we liked it or not, all of us who have ever had to share a dorm, house, fraternity, sorority or apartment have had to deal with these sometimes difficult people.

So, in an attempt to categorize and make some sense of it all, a list has been assembled about these people called roommates.

**The Tramp:** As the stereotype implies, this usually female roommate wears a T-shirt with the slogan "Sticks and Stones might break my bones, but Hey, Whips and Chains never fail to excite me."

Above your bed you hang a picture of the Madonna and child and sleep with a silver cross in hand to help cancel out the ill-effects of the poster of rock singer Madonna that hangs over your roommate's bed.

**The Narcissist:** This category can be either male or female and always finds a class to drop for the extra money to buy a bargain-package of tanning salon sessions. They always have perfect 10 bodies, a cough they can never shake because they inhale a cloud of hairspray every morning, and leave copies of Esquire, Gentlemen's Quarterly, or Glamour lying around for people to see and go "OOOOH, AAAHHH, isn't that person fashionable?" This individual's favorite saying is "If the shoe fits--buy it."

**The Recluse:** This is the person who never leaves the room except when the University is closed down. They never go home on weekends, are always in bed

by 8 p.m. and up by five the next morning. They also spend all of their free time reading fiction novels about how life really should be.

Since they never have a social life and never leave the room, these people actually have the time to get good grades. If you decide to have your friends over one night, so in order to get this person out of the room, you come up with a plan. You type out a "psuedo-flyer" saying that there is a special University holiday called "Northwest Visit and Explore Your Library Day" in hopes that the roommate will be interested and venture out into a different surrounding.

These individuals spend their afternoons watching favorite childhood TV programs such as The Brady Bunch and Gilligan's Island. It is not uncommon to walk in and hear them chanting the theme song to I Dream of Jeannie.

**The Vaxer:** This is a relative of the Recluse, but he spends all of his time physically connected to the computer in his room. He has a mail process name that can always be seen on display at any time of the day or night.

Their favorite thing to do is to play "Computer War" with other vaxers in which the goal is to see who can bombard the other with the most mail messages in the shortest amount of time.

At some time or other, everyone who has ever had to live with someone else, has had this sheer learning experience of living with one of these stereotypes. And if you are laughing right now, you are probably living with one right now.

## Newsbriefs

The chairman of Northwest's history/ humanities department, Dr. Harmon Motherhead, recently directed and taught a short seminar on the "Origins and Development of the American Constitutional System."

The seminar was for elementary and secondary teachers in Council Bluffs, Iowa. It was funded by a federal grant in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration of the Constitution and was prepared by the Loess Hills Area Education Associa-

tion along with Northwest.

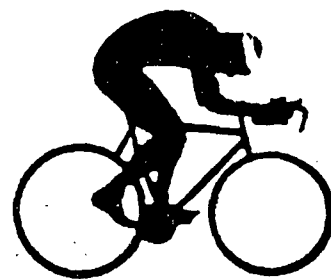
The program was a two credit course on the origin and development of the Constitution. This was followed by a curriculum workshop which focused on the development of Methods and Materials to be incorporated into Social Studies courses.

Plans are underway for a follow-up seminar next summer to develop materials for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

Rain or shine, the Northwest Flyers will be meeting on Sunday, September 25, for their Fall Century Tour. Their journey will take them on lightly travelled paved roads in Nodaway County, Missouri and Taylor and Adams counties in Iowa.

League of American Wheelman National Century, Metric Century, Half Century and Quarter Century patches will be awarded to riders completing; 100 miles in 12 hours, 62 miles in 8 hours, 50 miles in 7 hours and 25 miles in 3 hours.

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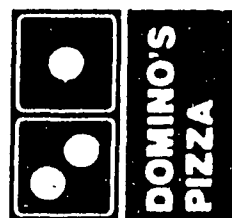
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## Plant comes back strong with *Now and Zen*

BRAD FRISCH  
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It has been several years since Robert Plant released his last musical effort, and he seems to have learned a great deal since then. "Shaken and Stirred" in the eyes of many was considered a weak attempt at being innovative, and where that album failed his newest, "Now and Zen" succeeds with vitality and a freshness all its own.

Plant seems to have taken a turn into a thoughtful and introspective mood that works for him in a subtle, yet at the same time, dominant way. The first single released from the album, "Heaven Knows" is soaked with this feeling, as is the third release, "Ship of Fools". He seems to be asking himself the question, "Why are we here?" and although he hasn't answered himself, he captivates listeners who may also be seeking the answer.

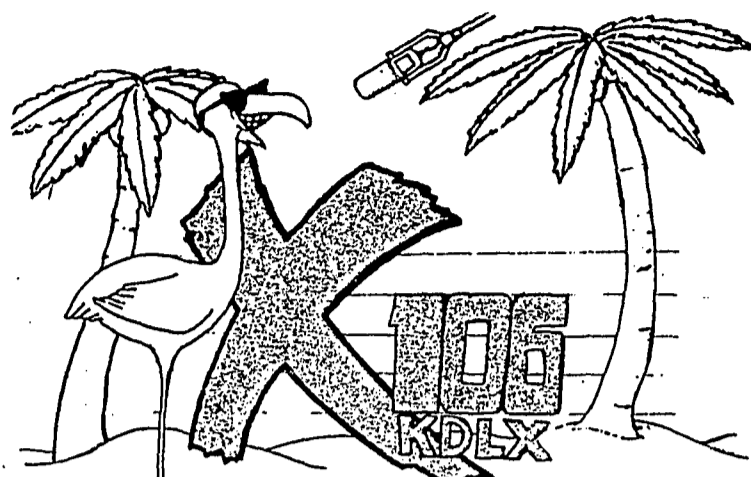
The new album even boasts several songs that include expartner Jimmy Page on guitar. These songs include the aforementioned "Heaven Knows" and his second single "Tall Cool One". Any fans of the old Led Zeppelin days should easily recognize the one-of-a-kind guitar riffs emitting from Page's powerful ax. It makes one wonder why these guys don't

get back together, until we are reminded of rock stars' constant ego problems.

Plant is not without his faults. The album is top-notch and since it is succeeding for him, he felt the need to exploit the song "Tall Cool One" by allowing it to be used in one of the latest Coca-Cola commercials. Many fans see this as a sell-out on Plant's part. The man doesn't need the money, he's got enough to last several lifetimes, and it is doubtful that he believes in the product, but that is of second importance to the album.

Plant proves that his vocal prowess is still quite intact and sounding better than on his previous three solo albums. He sounds like the young man that used to power such classics as "Stairway to Heaven" and "Whole Lotta Love". He seems to have the vigor he needed but lacked on his last releases.

The music on this album is spotless. Plant surrounded himself with some of the best session players around, and he directs them intricately in and out of the harmonies and melodies. Everything comes together as one nicely woven piece of fine, exotic fabric rich with many underlying textures and styles. This album will go down as one of Plant's personal bests.



### X-106 HITLIST

- 1 Def Leppard - "Love Bite"
- 2 Bobby McFerrin - "Don't Worry, Be Happy"
- 3 Kenny Loggins - "Nobody's Fool"
- 4 Peter Cetera - "One Good Woman"
- 5 New Edition - "If It Isn't Love"
- 6 Guns-n-Roses - "Sweet Child O' Mine"
- 7 UB40 - "Red, Red Wine"
- 8 Huey Lewis and the News - "Perfect World"
- 9 Cheap Trick - "Don't Be Cruel"
- 10 New Kids on the Block - "Please Don't Go Girl"

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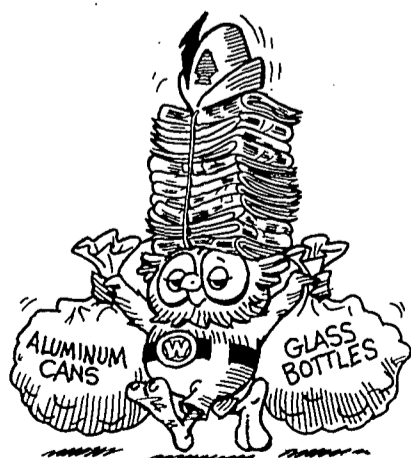
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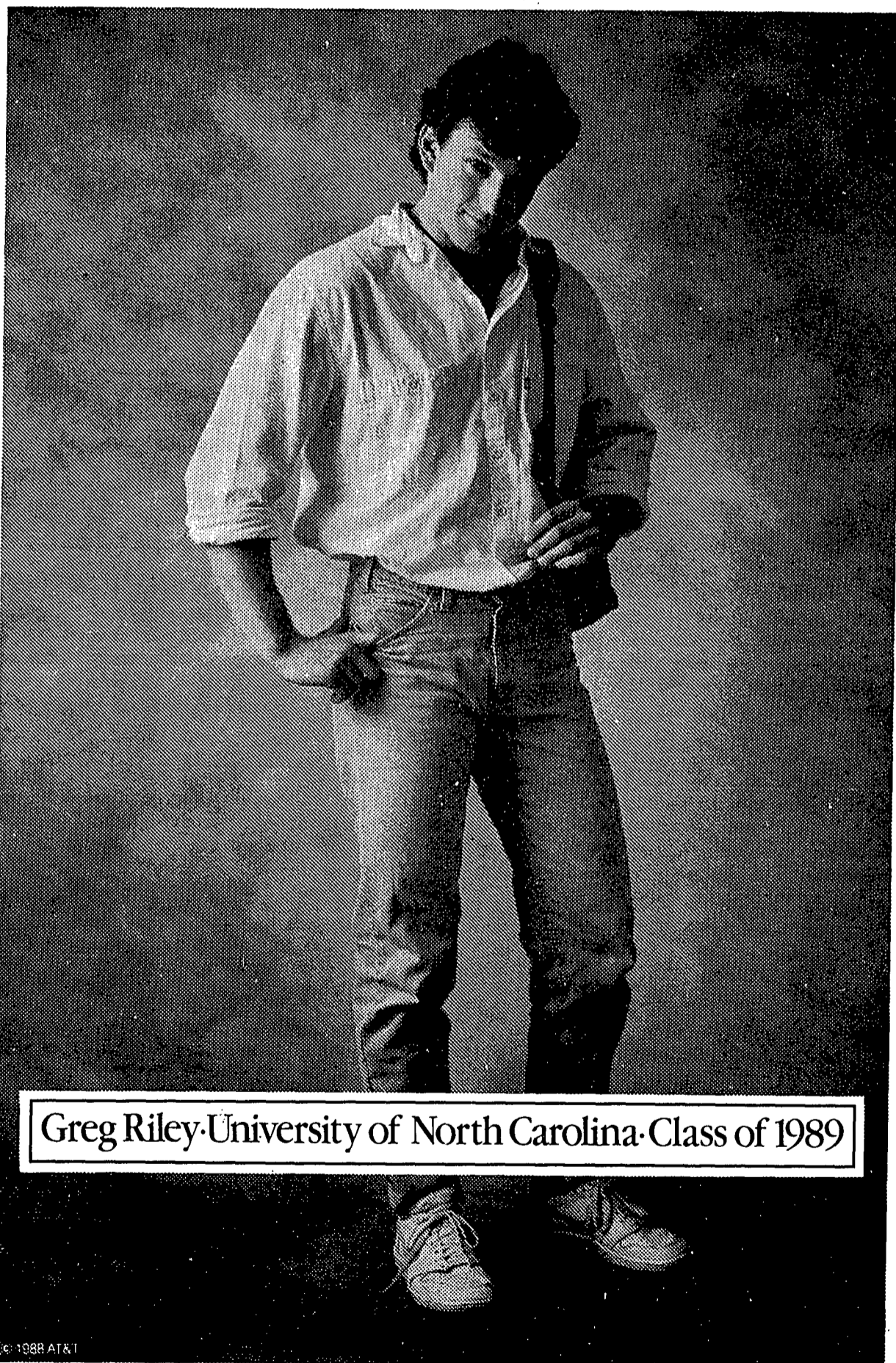
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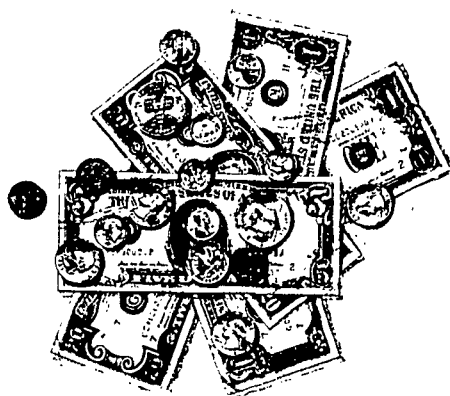
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## Thursday, Sept. 22

- IFC meeting - Upper Lakeview Room - 4pm
- Variety Show - Mary Linn PAC - 7pm
- Geo Club meeting - GS 132 - 5:15 p.m.
- Daughters of Diana meeting - Upper Lakeview Room - 5pm
- Chi Phi meeting - Regents Room - 9pm
- NW Flyers Bike Ride - Bell Tower - 6pm

## Friday, Sept. 23

- Second Installment due
- Student Payday



- Walkout Day
- M-Club Hall of Fame dinner - Union Ballroom - 6pm
- 1988 Homecoming meeting - Colden Hall 228 - 4pm
- M-Club Hall of Fame Banquet - Union Ballroom - 6pm
- Golden Anniversary Luncheon - University Club - 12pm
- Candidates Forum - University Club - 4pm

## Saturday, Sept. 24

- Cat football vs. West Texas State - Rickenbrode Stadium - 1:30pm
- HOMECOMING
- Superstar Concert Series - X-106 - 8pm
- Bearkitten Volleyball - Midland Lutheran Invite
- Homecoming Parade - Maryville Streets - 9:30am
- Cat/Kitten Cross Country - Johnson County Invite

## Sunday, Sept. 25

- 1988 Homecoming Parade - Channel 8 - 12, 6pm
- NW Flyers Century Ride - Bell Tower - 7:30pm
- NW Flyers Bike Ride - Bell Tower - 1pm

## Monday, Sept. 26

- 1988 Homecoming meeting - CH 228 - 4pm
- Senior Yearbook Portraits - Colonial Room
- Kitten Volleyball vs. Mo. West - Lamkin Gym - 7pm
- Circle K meeting - Upper Lakeview Room - 6:15pm
- CAPs meeting - Northwest Room - 4:30pm
- ROTC Rangers meeting - CH 166 - 3pm

## Tuesday, Sept. 27

- Senior Yearbook Portraits
- 1988 Homecoming Parade - Channel 8 - 6pm

## Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Yearbook Portraits - Colonial Room
- 1988 Homecoming Parade - Channel 8 - 6pm
- Beta Beta Beta meeting - GS 204 - 5pm
- AMA meeting - CH 243 - 5pm

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ery year.

The major topic for the day seemed to be the success of Your Man's high school buddies, most of whom seemed to be out of school and well on their way to the American Express Platinum Card. After that stimulating conversation, they felt obliged to inquire about your Campus Crusader's financial status and were shocked to find that he only had 14 cents.

"What?" Your Man queried. "That's twice as much as I had this time last year."

Naturally, Your Man's Miss Piggy bank hadn't sunk quite that low, but it was a good enough line to get lunch at Hitching Post out of them.

After hanging out with Your Hero's buddies on the student side at Rickenbrode for a while, his mom decided it was high time to call it a day. She was worried that Strollette's vocabulary would be forever altered by her exposure to some of our more "vulgarely" verbose Bearcat fans.

The folks followed Your Hero back to his room to bid him adieu.

"Shouldn't we check on your roommate?" Mom asked. "He hasn't moved all day."

"I don't have a roommate. That's my inflatable... AARGH!"

I'll know better next time.

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SIGMA PHI EPSILON would like to welcome back alumni for Homecoming Week.

### PERSONALS

ELIZABETH,  
You're a peach of an R.A.

TKE PLEDGES,  
You are doing a fantastic job. Keep up the good work!! We love you guys.  
-Daughters of Diana

DARCY D.,  
Wanted you to know you're a sweetheart of a friend and a stud mom. I love you!  
-Your DZ Dot No.2,  
Erin C.

CHESTER,  
You're an awesome president. You really know how to get their attention, but button those top three buttons.  
-Love ya,  
Madonna

BRI,  
I'm really glad Heidi set us up. I really hope things work out with us.  
-Love ya,  
Kris

'NUGGLE BUNNY,  
Thanks for giving me another chance. I LOVE YOU!!  
-Forever,  
D.

HEIDI,  
You're a real pal, thanks a million. I don't know what I'd do without you, since you're the greatest person to ever cross my path. I really idolize you.  
-Nellie"

DONETTE,  
WAH!  
-Hermes

CLUELESS!,  
Won't you please join us?  
-Nick, Kellie, Molly

RED FRAGGLE,  
Isn't this special?! A message for you.  
-The Saint

GENO,  
You like WHO?  
-Saint Nick

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We are so proud to have you as a part of our sisterhood. Keep up the great work and keep smiling! We are all pulling for you!  
-Tri-Sigma Actives and Alumni

HEIDI,  
Happy belated birthday. The women of Millikan love you. Well...at least the sixth floor R.A. does.

STINKY,  
You big Nintendo-head. Some day I'll walk into your room and find you dead in front of the t.v. because you forgot to stop and eat a decent breakfast while playing your stupid games.  
-Love,  
Lumpy

MR. BUNNY,  
Get your life in order—OR ELSE!!  
-The Newsgang

JASON,  
The blob is back!!!

RAGDOLL,  
Here is hoping your 21st is memorable. Have a happy birthday!  
-A young pup

AMY AND SAM,  
AAARRRRGGG!!! The intercom monster strikes in the paper!  
-I.M.

NELLIE  
It was the least I could do to show my gratitude. For what you ask? Well, the fine tip you left when you and your friend went out for dinner. Scrooge!

CHRISTY MESIK,  
Papering your door was only the beginning. You had better be on the look-out for the vandalism bandits. By the way, do you own a vehicle?  
-Love,  
The Destroyer Brothers

CATHERINE,  
Did you stop to visit your local Dunkin' Donuts yet today?

WOMEN OF HUNTINGTON BEACH,  
You guys are doing a great job of decorating for homecoming. Keep up the terrific work and maybe you'll be enjoying a fun-filled dinner with Mr.Domino.

TONTO,  
I saw a women with a halter-top on yesterday. I almost asked her to take it off. I wonder what she would have done.  
-Me

## Runners compete at Nebraska

BY CONNIE FERGUSON  
Sports Editor

Traveling to the Nebraska Invitational in Lincoln, NE, last Saturday, the women's cross country team ran to a six-place finish.

Senior Tammy King finished first for the 'Kittens running 28th with a 5000 meter time of 21 minutes, 26.4 seconds.

Stephanie Kempf was 33rd in 21:53. Other 'Kitten finishers included: Diana Jensen, who crossed the line 37th in 22:33; Denise Ibsen was 41st in 22:53.2; and Geri McFarland ran 23:12.2.

Nebraska won the championship with 27 points, while Iowa State was second with 51. Taking third was Kearney State with 92 points; fourth with 97 points was Midland Lutheran; fifth was Nebraska-Omaha with 106 points and sixth was Northwest scoring 153 points.

"It was a tough course," Coach Charlene Cline said. "The girls ran hard and also enjoyed themselves."

The 'Kittens travel to Overland Park,

KS, this weekend to compete in the Johnson County Community College Invitational.

The men's cross country team carried home a fourth-place finish at the Nebraska Invitational last Saturday.

Bearcat first-place finisher in the two prior meets, Robb Finegan, was forced to pull out of the race after spraining his ankle. Finegan was running with the leaders when he was injured.

Sophomore Darryl Wagner was running with the top third of the pack when he was also injured and dropped from the race.

Finishing first for the Bearcat's was Lloyd Hunt, who was ninth in 35:59.

Other Bearcat finishers were Scott McKerlie who was 18th in 38:12; Matt Povlovich finished 20th in 38:47; Chad Nelson ran 25th in 39:17; and Jimmy Miglets finished 32nd in 40:38.

The Bearcats also travel to Johnson County this weekend.

"Johnson County has a flat course and it could be fun for them to run on," Coach Rich Alsup said.

## Fourth quarter hurts 'Cats

BY CONNIE FERGUSON  
Sports Editor

After a smashing start, the Bearcats suffered a blow by losing to rival Missouri Western in the fourth quarter 27-26.

Junior Jarvis Redmond took the opening kickoff and broke the 1,000 yard kickoff return record, becoming the third Bearcat in history to achieve this mark.

Driving 75 yards in four plays, the 'Cats scored first on a 64-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Tom Kruse to freshman wide receiver Wes Camp. The PAT by Peter Rameh was sailed through the uprights giving the Bearcats the lead 7-0.

Missouri Western answered with a 32-yard field goal and a 13-yard touchdown pass to take the lead 10-7.

With only 10 seconds remaining in the first quarter, Kruse broke loose on a quarterback keeper with a 69-yard score. Rameh's PAT attempt hit the bar and bounced off.

The 'Cats scored again in the second quarter on two field goals from Rameh.

The first, a 33-yarder, gave the 'Cats a six-point margin over the Golden Griffons.

Connecting from 52-yards out, Rameh tied his personal best that he kicked last year against Missouri Western. Rameh now has three field goals of 50 yards or more in his career, two this season.

Rameh's field goal came with one second remaining to give the Bearcats the lead at half 19-10.

The 'Cats again drew first blood by scoring in the third quarter, when sophomore running back Maurice Taylor took the ball in from the one-yardline. Rameh's PAT was good and the 'Cats led 26-13.

Missouri Western scored on a field goal and a touchdown to pull within six points.

With two minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Griffons scored a touchdown giving them the win 27-26.

The Bearcats are now 0-3 and look for their first win to finalize Homecoming celebrations when they take on West Texas State Saturday.

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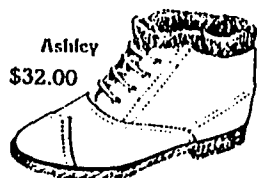
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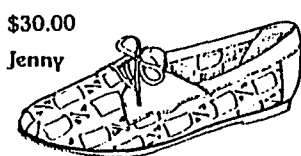
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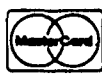
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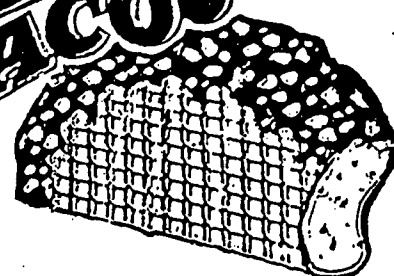


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Four men will be inducted into the M-Club Hall of Fame this Homecoming weekend.

Arthur "Doc" Yates, Class of '37; Stanley "Tut" Totoratits, Class of '48; Leon Ungles, Class of '29; and Burton Richey, Class of '51 will be honored at the Alumni Honors/M-Club Hall of Fame Banquet Friday, Sept. 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Ballroom.

The Bearcat Baseball team swept two games, 11-0 and 4-0, from Maplewoods last Saturday. The wins improved their record to 7-1.

Sophomore Dave Svehla is the pick for the MIAA Defensive Player of the Week Award. The 6'3", 210 lb. linebacker rolled up 22 tackles in the Bearcats 27-26 loss to Missouri Western.

Also mentioned was quarterback Tom Kruse. The junior from Raymore, MO rushed for 76 yards and one touchdown while completing three of 11 passes for 78 yards and another touchdown.

For the 17th consecutive year, the outstanding Bearcat player in the homecoming football game will be awarded the Don Black Memorial Trophy.

Established in 1972 by George Nathan, a 1954 Northwest graduate, the award honors the late Don Black, who was a running back on the Bearcats 1952 MIAA co-championship team.

The recipient, selected by a panel of media and press box personnel, will have his name engraved on the permanent trophy displayed in Lamkin Gym and will also receive a smaller trophy. The winner will be announced and the award presented immediately following the game.

Last year's winner was defensive back Paul Watkins.

West Texas State invades Rickenbrode Stadium as they take on the Bearcats in the traditional Homecoming game. A 1:30 kickoff is slated.

The Bearkittens split a pair of matches when they traveled to the Northeast Missouri State Invitational last weekend, losing to Northeast and winning over Lincoln.

After dropping a five-game match to Jefferson Junior College Friday night, the 'Kittens record fell to 4-5. Because Jefferson is a two-year school, the loss won't count on Northwest's record.

It was a tough start for the 'Kittens as they lost in four games to host Northeast. The 'Kittens bounced back to take Lincoln University in three games.

"We can't let our opponents take control of the matches like we've been doing," Coach Peg Voisin said.

Nancy Pfeiffer led the Bearkitten attackers with a total of 53 kills, while teammate Laura Bowen led in assists with 56.

Northwest travels to the Midland Lutheran Invitational in Fremont, NE Saturday and then returns home to take on Missouri Western in Lamkin Gym at 7:00 p.m. with a JV match to follow.



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## Former 'Cat makes changes

BY CARI PREWITT  
Special to the *Missourian*

Where were you a month ago? Most of us were starting the first semester of the 1988 school year. We were meeting new people and finding out what our friends did over the summer.

But Scott Spurgeon, senior and former NWMSU baseball player, was head-first into his first season of professional baseball.

In early June, Spurgeon was drafted by the Houston Astros.

"I was so happy when he called, to know that I had been drafted, that I just started crying," Spurgeon said. "I didn't care who was around. I just ran into my room and started praising God."

Spurgeon, known to his friends and fans as "Spud", was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Southern Missouri. He graduated from Carthage High School in 1983 and went on to Kansas State University, where he was recruited to play baseball.

The following year, after being red-shirted at Kansas State, he transferred to Labett Junior College in Kansas.

After his first year there, he began talking to a scout who said the Detroit Tigers were interested in him.

"That was the bad year," Spurgeon said. "They said that they could offer me a contract, but what they were really saying was that they thought that I needed one more year of college ball. So I decided to go ahead and play another year to see what happened."

His second year at Labett found him with problems that could have kept him from ever attending Northwest. After a misunderstanding during the Labett Shootout Tournament, Spurgeon wasn't on the top of his coach's list.

"I found out from Coach Zumsande (former Northwest coach), that I was be-

ing black-balled by my coach. He was telling people that called that he wasn't recommending me to anyone and that I had a bad attitude. I thought the coach and I had worked everything out."

Things worked out and Spurgeon did end up coming to Northwest and playing two successful years with the Bearcats.

"When I went home and was waiting to find out if I had been drafted, my mom called one day and said that she had just talked to Coach Johnson and I had just been named First-Team All-American," Spurgeon said. "I was so excited, but more surprised than anything. I also thought that would improve my chances of getting drafted."

His mother was the first one he called when he found out he'd been drafted.

"I just love my mom for who she is and I love her more than anyone in this world," Spurgeon says as he smiles proudly wearing his Astros T-shirt.

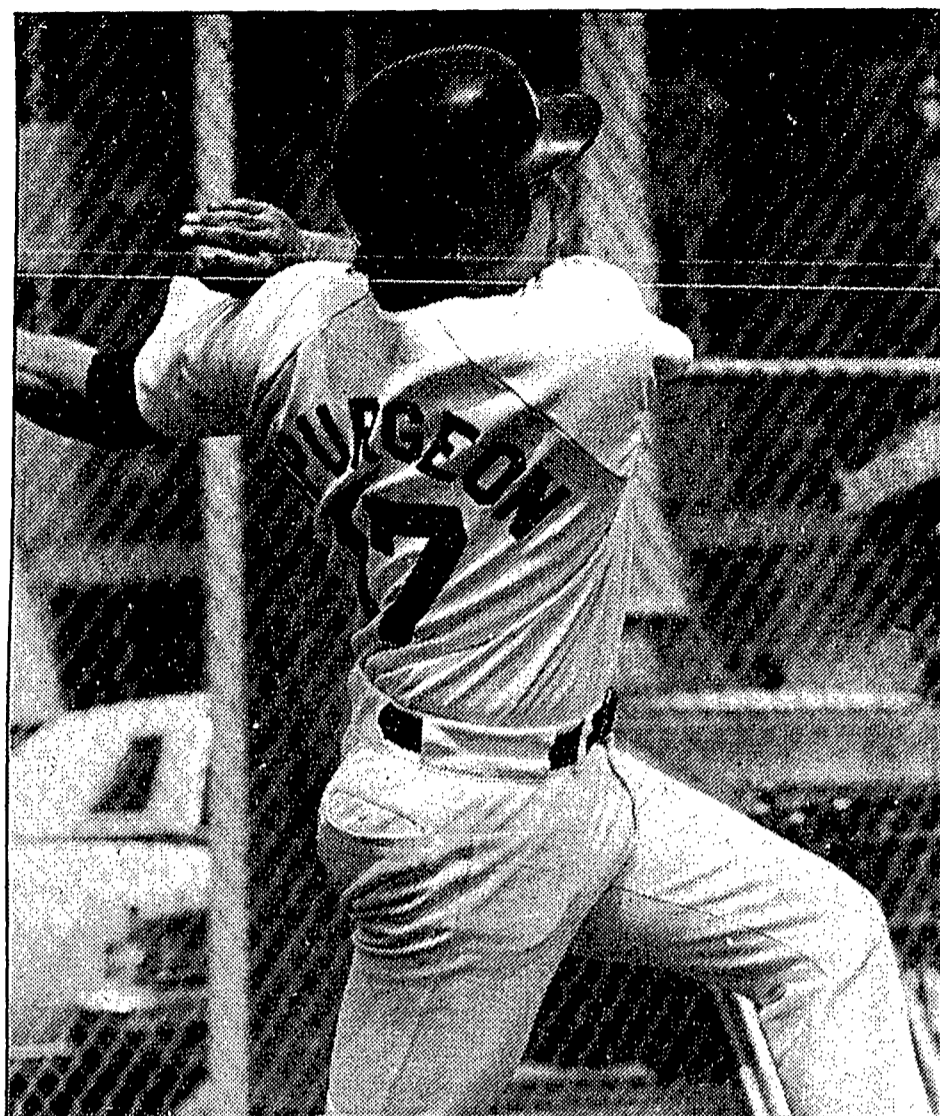
On June 9th, Scott Spurgeon left Kansas City for New York where he played a short season of 73 games. Less than one week after he returned, Spurgeon was married.

"This year was a free year. The coaches told us that our performance didn't really matter all that much. They just wanted to see where we were at and help us from there. They told us that their goal was to get us out of that league and onto the majors."

In December, Spurgeon will graduate from Northwest with a degree in physical education.

In March, when professional baseball spring training starts for the Houston Astros, Scott Spurgeon will among them.

"Who knows where I'm going to end up. If I get cut this year, if I end up playing for the Yankees or stay with the Astros. I'm just gonna be wherever the Lord wants me."



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